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Note verbale dated 30 July 2009 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations presents its compliments to the President of the Security Council for the month of July 2009 and has the honour to attach herewith the letter dated 29 July 2009 addressed to the Secretary-General by Hoshyar Zebari, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq, regarding the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of Iraq also has the honour to request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the note verbale dated 30 July 2009 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to convey to you the wish of my Government that the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) be extended for a further period of 12 months. The Government is mindful of the important role that the Mission plays in implementing its mandate, pursuant to Security Council resolutions 1500 (2003), 1546 (2004), 1557 (2004), 1619 (2005), 1700 (2006), 1770 (2007) and 1830 (2008).

The elected constitutional Government of Iraq, while affirming its wish that the mandate be extended, hopes that the provision of assistance will be in accordance with specific mechanisms and with the prior approval of the Government of Iraq, in the manner referred to in my letter dated 6 August 2007 (S/2007/481, annex).

You will be aware of the great improvement that has taken place in the security situation in Iraq, which has encouraged many Arab and other countries to reopen their missions in Iraq and pursue their activities in a normal fashion. My Government therefore looks forward to a more effective role for UNAMI with the return to work in Iraq of the United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes and their direct and valuable contribution to its reconstruction.

(*Signed*) Hoshyar **Zebari**
Minister for Foreign Affairs